



Friday
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Weekly Views

Miami Correctional Facility's Straight Talk program went on the road to Delphi High School and Twin Lakes High School in Monticello, IN. More than 300 students from both schools heard the offenders speak about their lives and prison life, encouraging them to stay away from drugs and alcohol and get an education.

Congratulations to Maintenance Electrician Foreman Wayne White on his 20 years of service to the State of Indiana. Wayne has worked at the Correctional Industrial Facility the full 20 years.

Wabash Valley Superintendent James Basinger was on hand to congratulate 35 PEN offenders upon receiving U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Apprenticeship Certificates. The USDOL program helps prepare offenders with marketable job skills and meaningful employment upon release.

WTHI News in Terre Haute showcased the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility's PLUS unit and its participants' efforts to honor fallen soldiers by creating an over 40 foot American flag quilt. Over 5000 names of fallen heroes serving in Afghanistan and Iraq are included on the memorial quilt.

The Salvation Army of Delaware County donated a variety of vegetable starter plants to the Correctional Industrial Facility's garden. The produce grown will be donated to the Anderson Christian Center.

Indianapolis District#3 Parole Office participated in the IMPD-North District Homicide Response Sweep in response to the rising numbers of homicides in the area recently, by visiting parolees in this area. As a result three paroled offenders were arrested on new charges and one was apprehended on an outstanding warrant.

The "Indiana Offender Workforce Development Specialist" (OWDS) team conducted their second of six workshops in Columbus, IN. The workshop was attended by IDOC, community members and faith based service providers. The six workshops will lead to a team of 30 participants who will attend the full 180 hour OWDS training program in 2011.

Indiana State Prison staff participated in the YMCA Corporate Challenge. Games offered at the event included a Golf Scramble, Bowling, Darts, Texas Hold'em, Hurry up Softball, Euchre and Bean Bag Toss.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility held a ceremony to honor its most recent graduates from the Ball State University and Grace College Programs. Mr. Isaac Randolph, Executive Director of the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, served as the featured speaker for the event.

Oakland City University at the Indiana Women's Prison held their commencement ceremony for 25 graduates, 5 with Bachelors Degrees and 20 with Associates Degrees. The class of 2009 and 2010 celebrated their accomplishments with family, friends, photographs and a delicious luncheon.

The Correctional Industrial Facility raised \$110.00 for the Employee Appreciation Fund by hosting a silent auction, selling 40 donated items.

The twelfth Kairos weekend was held at the Rockville Correctional Facility with 41 participants graduating from the program. 43 Kairos volunteers facilitated the program and distributed homemade cookies throughout the facility to offenders and staff members.

The Westville Correctional Facility Re-Entry Team hosted a meeting with staff from Lake County Community Corrections. The meeting produced a good exchange of information and ideas to help improve the transition of offenders from WCC to the county's numerous CTP programs.

Both the Correctional Industrial Facility and Miami Correctional Facility celebrated "Christmas Behind Bars". Offender had a chance to hear a Christmas program, listen to Christmas music, and receive goody bags.

The Joyce Meyer Ministries paid visits to the Correctional Industrial Facility, Westville Correctional Facility, Miami Correctional Facility, and the Indiana State Prison. Hygiene bags and inspirational literature were distributed at each facility and offenders had the opportunity to attend service.